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TAGS: ETEL, PN  
SUBJECT: PANAMA'S NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE PLANS  
TO ATTEND MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANS COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA,  
LIMA, APRIL 10-15

REF: A) PANAMA 1643; B) STATE 041386

1. ON MARCH 20, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH LUIS E. BLANCO, MANAGER OF  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE  
(INTEL) OF PANAMA, WHO REITERATED PANAMA'S INTEREST IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) AND ITS INTENTION  
TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING IN LIMA. PANAMA  
ALSO PLANS TO ATTEND THE ITU MEETING IN GENEVA, THE SAME MONTH.  
EMBOFF RELATED U.S. POSITION ON ATTENDANCE AT LIMA MEETING,  
AS OUTLINED IN REF B).

2. INTEL REPRESENTS THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN PANAMA, HOWEVER IN POINT OF FACT, INTEL  
HANDLES ONLY A PORTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN PANAMA,  
WITH THE REMAINDER ADMINISTERED BY SEVERAL PRIVATE TELECOMMUNI-  
CATIONS COMPANIES. IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING MEETINGS,  
INTEL IS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING DATA FROM THE OTHER  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES, WHICH ALONG WITH ITS  
OWN DATA, CAN BE USED TO COMPILE TRAFFIC STATISTICS  
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FOR PANAMA, AS REQUESTED IN THE ITU BRIEF ON THE LIMA  
MEETING, RECEIVED BY INTEL. THIS INFORMATION WILL  
NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR THE LIMA MEETING. NEVER-  
THELESS, PANAMA WILL ATTEND THE MEETING, IF ONLY AS  
AN OBSERVER.

3. MR. BLANCO EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF THAT INTEL NOW

HOPES TO BEGIN MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ITU.  
HE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PASS ALONG TO INTEL ANY  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT PERTAINS TO LIMA MEETING,  
INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVANCED PREPARATIONS.

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